



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 7, 1999

### **H.R. 1552**

#### **Marine Research and Related Environmental Research and Development Programs Authorization Act of 1999**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on April 29, 1999*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 1552 would authorize the appropriation of \$373 million in each of fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for marine and environment programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). All but \$50 million for each year would be for NOAA.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1552 would result in additional outlays of \$747 million over the 2000-2004 period, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 1552 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1552 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 250 (general science, space, and technology) and 300 (natural resources and environment).

For the purpose of this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 1552 will be enacted by the end of fiscal year 1999 and that all amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending rates for these programs.

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004

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**SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION**

Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	381	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	377	136	45	23	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	373	373	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	239	329	112	45	22
Spending Under H.R. 1552						
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	381	373	373	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	377	375	374	135	45	22

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a. The 1999 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the marine and environmental programs conducted by NOAA and NSF that would be authorized by H.R. 1552.

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**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

This bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Some of the funds authorized in this bill would be used to provide grants for research at public universities.

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